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1 - Rail car suggested as cause of blast, My SA, 4/22/13

http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local_news/article/Explosion-s-source-could-be-rail-car-full-of-4453532.php

Summary: The chairman of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality raised the idea Monday that the explosion at a fertilizer plant that devastated the tiny town of West might have started with a rail car loaded with ammonium nitrate.

2 - West firefighters knew of ammonium nitrate; how it affected response unclear, DMD, 4/22/13

<http://www.dallasnews.com/news/west-explosion/headlines/20130422-west-firefighters-knew-of-ammonium-nitrate-how-it-affected-response-unclear.ece>

3 - Environmentalists seek to draw on West explosion in legislative matters, Amer-Statesman, 4/22/13

<http://www.statesman.com/news/news/state-regional-govt-politics/environmentalists-seek-to-draw-on-west-explosion-inXTGt/>

Summary: In the wake of an environmental disaster in West, environmental groups promised to redouble their efforts to defeat legislative proposals that would ease permitting for industrial facilities.

4 - Perry: State Oversight Not To Blame For West Blast, Houston Chron, 4/22/13

<http://houston.cbslocal.com/2013/04/22/perry-state-oversight-not-to-blame-for-west-blast/>

Summary: Gov. Rick Perry said Monday that spending more state money on inspections would not have prevented the deadly explosion at the West Fertilizer Co. plant that was last investigated by Texas environmental regulators in 2006.

5 - Moapa Paiute 'Coal to Clean Energy' March Calls for Expansion of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency, Mesquite Local news, 4/22/13

<http://mesquitelocalnews.com/sections/news/clark-county/moapa-paiute-%E2%80%99coal-clean-energy%E2%80%99-march-calls-expansion-renewable-energy>

Summary: On the heels of NV Energy announcing plans to retire its coal plants and stop drawing power from Arizona's Navajo Generating Station, tribal leaders, health advocates, faith leaders, and clean energy supporters from across the Southwest joined the Moapa Band of Paiutes in a 16-mile walk on Saturday.

6 - Arkansas spill renews fears of ruptures on proposed South Dakota pipeline, RapidCityJournal, 4/23/13

http://rapidcityjournal.com/news/arkansas-spill-renews-fears-of-ruptures-on-proposed-south-dakota/article_c5628138-8ae7-571f-9afa-a49dc8371604.html?print=true&cid=print

Summary: Before the 911 calls started, it could have been any other Friday afternoon in Mayflower, Ark. The first report of trouble came in at 2:44 p.m on March 29. A resident reported that a black substance was oozing throughout the town of 2,200 people.

7 - Texas Explosion Bolsters Push For Plant Safety But May Limit Bid For IST, Inside EPA, 4/22/13

<http://insideepa.com/201304222431787/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/texas-explosion-bolsters-push-for-plant-safety-but-may-limit-bid-for-ist/menu-id-95.html>

Summary: The fatal explosion of a Texas fertilizer plant is unlikely to boost environmentalists' calls for EPA to require safer chemicals at industrial plants because there are few alternatives to the substances involved in the explosion, although advocates say the incident highlights a need for additional safety practices, including enhanced reporting of, and limits on, chemicals stored on site, and buffer zones

between facilities and residential areas.

8 - EPA pokes holes in State's assessment of pipeline, EENews, 4/23/13

<http://www.eenews.net/energywire/2013/04/23/3>

Summary: U.S. EPA yesterday delivered a stinging critique of the State Department's environmental impact assessment of TransCanada's proposed Keystone XL pipeline project, concluding that the study contained insufficient data.